#### Screenings By DON ALLEN

There was a man in our town And he was wondrous dumb. He tried to run a theatre : But it went on the bum. Bo when he found that he was broke

And couldn't stand the strain, He switched it to a cinema And now he's rich again.

#### PHIL UMM SAYS

I met a subtitle writer las' night who kin speak English; but he ain' never tried writin' it yit!

#### THE OLD BOX OFFICE.

What has more influence on motio pictures than anything else in the

(Read the last two words in the heading over this little yarn.)

Anyway, the following letter from B. P. Schulberg, President of Preferred Pictures, Inc., is self-explana

tory: "I have just read a paragraph in your column in which you register violent protest at the announcement of the change of title of "Ching, Ching, Chinamap" to "Shadows." You saw "Ching, Ching, Chinaman" was one of the best film titles you

"And I quite agree with every word of your protest. The original story title, to me, possessed every requisite of an ideal picture title. Since there will be thousands of others who will feel as you do about the change I will try to explain why the substitution

"Before the conclusion of the final scenes we received letters protesting against he title. These letters were from exchanges and theatre owners. They claimed the title suggested an real and reel life, need never worr Oriental picture. Then we made a about having to look far for an un

West 34th St.

wners and the verdict was unani-nous against "Chung, Ching, China-

So, reader, it isn't hard to see, the right place, who controls the

"A BAS EUROPE." Carl Laemmle, as observing a moion picture producer as ever switched title, is back in New York after

three months of intensive study of the picture situation in Europe. His opinion, summed up in a few words, is that Europe won't do at all as a production centre for Ameri-

an film companies. "I am thoroughly convinced," said Mr. Laemmle, "that Europe is not he place to make pictures for America It is too far from the base of supplies and American atmosphere is lacking.
"One thing I noticed in England. lowever, that was a decided improvenent. American films are now being eleased on the same date there as they are in America. In the past, before I started the simultaneous re-leusings, England did not see pictures sometimes until two years after they had been released in America."

Constance Talmadge unblushingly dmits she is addicted to a habit. Not riding habit, but a Chinese babit. Now, don't get excited, because it

puired at all.
But Constance, since she appeared in "East is West," says she con-tracted the habit of wearing Chinese trousers and wants to keep it up. Of course, worn with a Mandarir coat, the trousers don't look like regular Hartshaffnermark specimens but are really very modest.
And Constance

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a picture, would be to hand the hair whitener to her eldest daughter and

Recently we saw Mrs. Carr and her interesting family in a box at the theatre and, had the eldest daughter slivered her hair before she entered, we could not have told mother and daughter apart. Every line, every ook, every gesture is the same Which, to our way of thinking, is right smart compliment to both.

"WHERE IGNORANCE," &C. The company in which young Ernest McKay, No. 786 in the childwonder series, is now working adjourned for luncheon yesterday. Many of them, including Ernest, went to a restaurant, the proprietor of which

Seeing the frowns of his elders, Ernest burst into a rippling laugh.

The theatre owner in a small town recently announced in the society column of the paper that "The Count of Monte Cristo" would soon arrive

The next day an aged woman, much given to bluff, stopped him on the street and said:

"When is the dear Count going to be here? I met him once during a stay in Europe and do so much wan o see him again!"

IT COST \$50,000.

With a new and elaborate produc ion of Oliver Twist, with Jackie Coogan as its star, all ready for distribution by First National, Sol Les-ser, the producer, has spent much evidently was still working on the time and \$50,000 (he says) in buying theory that Barnum was right. , up old films of the same name. It seems that about eight years comedy star, is prominent in the cast ago a picturization was made of the of "Without Compromise."

and in the hands of several film bro-kers and Lesser wanted it all in his wn hand before he released his new

Naturally, when the holding broker earned he was so anxious to corra the old stuff, up went their prices. It's a wonder it didn't cost Lesser far more than the \$50,000 he claims

Joseph M. Schenck, the movie pro ducer, now in Europe, is planning a big film beauty contest in England. It may be new stuff-in England! Shirley Mason is now working hard making "Shirley of the Circus." leading man is George O'Hara. We udge it is a story of the big tents. but one never can tell from a film

title nowadays. Otis Harlan, the old Hoyt musical

ago a picturization was made of the story with the late Nat Goodwin as Jack Okey, director, and Paul Allen, studio as the "McSwiney."

canvass of the country's theatre derstudy. All she would have to do in case she wanted to go to the ball "but you can't read these prices!"

Copies of this film were in storage and in the hands of several film brospell. They'll be back among the spell. They'll be back among the grapefruit in a few days, however. and hard at work again.

Mabel Julienne Scott will star in

The Power of a Lie."

"The Summons," a George Patullo story, has been chosen for Frank, Mayo's next starring vehicle. Sylvia Reamer will play opposite him. Herbert Rawlinson has just stepped out of the thrills of "One Wonderful

Night" into those of "The Kidnap-pers," a Richard Harding Davis story. Lee Moran just finished "Three Game Birds." We hope it is as funny as "The Straphanger."

Haby Peggy is on a nice long valast scene in "Peg o' th' Movies." Fritzie Brunette has been engaged by Fox to play the feminine lead in Buck Jones's next picture, "The Boss

The last shot taken before lunched

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